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Re: Withdrawal as Counsel

Dear Hanan:

This letter will serve as formal notice that Conley, Rose & Tayon, LLP will no longer be representing you on patent prosecution matters for any pending foreign or domestic applications currently handled by our office.

We are aware that you are experiencing financial difficulties; however, you are aware that we have not been compensated for the patent prosecution services we have performed for you in the amount of \$33,225.19. We have received no payment whatsoever from you since receiving the original retainer in June 2000. Without payment, we can no longer serve as counsel on your behalf.

Following is a current status report on the active matters we were handling on your behalf:

5625-00100

This file contains a domestic patent application SN 09/776,084 filed February 1, 2001 entitled "PROGRAMMED LOAD PRECESSION MACHINE" currently pending in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

1. Duty of Candor: A duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent Office rests on the inventor and on every other individual who is substantially involved in the preparation or prosecution of a patent application. All such individuals have a duty to disclose to the Patent Office any information which is material to the examination of the application.

2. Examination: We have not yet received an Office Action for this application. We have directed the Patent Office to forward all future correspondence to your home address listed above. You (or future counsel) will need to respond to any Office Actions or your application will become abandoned.
3. Marking: In commercialization of this invention, it is advisable to mark articles and literature to indicate that a patent application is pending. The notation "Patent Pending" or "Patent Applied For" may be used in connection with any product covered by any claim of the application. This notation may also be used in any advertising or business literature. It is usually advisable, however, not to disclose the serial number or filing date of the patent application while it is still pending.
4. Maintenance Fees: Maintenance fees will become payable when and if this application is granted and a patent issues. If issued, the maintenance fees are due as follows:
 - a. The 1st maintenance fee is due 3-1/2 years from the patent issue date.
 - b. The 2nd maintenance fee is due 7-1/2 years from the patent issue date.
 - c. The 3rd maintenance fee is due 11-1/2 years from the patent issue date.

For an additional fee, there is a six-month grace period beyond each of the three periods in which the maintenance fee for the period can be paid.

 - d. Small Entity Status: It will be necessary to confirm small entity status when paying fees to the U.S. Patent Office, including each maintenance fee.
5. Counterpart Foreign Applications: If you desire patent protection in other countries, you should apply for a foreign application within 12 months from the filing date of this U.S. application, or **before February 1, 2002**.

5625-00200

This file contains a domestic patent application SN 09/776,102 filed February 1, 2001 entitled "EFFICIENT MECHANISM FOR INTER-THREAD COMMUNICATION WITHIN A MULTI-THREADED COMPUTER SYSTEM" currently pending in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

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5625-00300

This file contains a domestic patent application SN 09/788,216 filed February 16, 2001 entitled "FRAME HANDLER FOR HIGH-SPEED FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATION INTERFACE" currently pending in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

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5625-00400

This file contains a domestic patent application SN 09/788,215 filed February 16, 2001 entitled "EFFICIENT METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DATA CONDUIT IN PRE-EXISTING STRUCTURES" currently pending in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

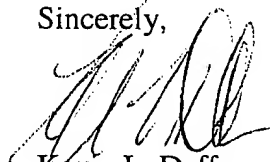
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We will transfer all files to you, or to any law firm you have engaged to undertake this work. Unless you instruct us otherwise by September 1, 2001, we will forward the files to your home address listed above. Furthermore, we will notify the U.S. Patent Office to forward all future correspondence to you.

By this letter, we have attempted to disclose all relevant aspects and deadlines for the above matters in a short and concise manner. Please note that our withdrawal as counsel does not relieve you of your obligation to pay the outstanding balance of \$33,225.19. Please sign in the space provided below to indicate your approval of our withdrawal as counsel for PhotonRoute Communications. Please return a copy of the signed letter to my attention by September 1, 2001.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Daffer

My signature below indicates my approval of the withdrawal of Conley, Rose & Tayon P.C. as counsel for PhotonRoute Communications.

Hanan Potash